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SUBJECT: ALLEGED OVERFLIGHT BY US AIRCRAFT

REF: CAIRO 3095 (NOTAL)

1. SPANISH CHARGE VILLACIEROS AND I WENT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS REQUESTED AND WERE IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY. HE READ TO ME THE FOLLOWING ORAL PROTEST:

QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT TWO AMERICAN PLANES, TYPE CR-71, (SIC) VIOLATED OUR AIRSPACE TODAY AND WERE REGISTERED BY OUR RADAR AT PORT SAID MOVING ALONG THE RED SEA ON THE WEST SIDE TO NEGA HAMADI; THEN CROSSED THE DESERT TO CAIRO; THEN TO THE WESTERN DESERT; THEN BACK TO SINAI TO ISRAEL AND FROM ISRAELI AIRSPACE TO SYRIA WHERE THE SYRIAN RADAR AGAIN REGISTERED THE TWO PLANES. THE PLANES PROCEEDED FROM SYRIA TO LEBANON AND THEN OUT INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. THEIR SPEED WAS MACH 3 AND AS A RESULT OF THIS GRAVE VIOLATION, ON BEHALF OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, I STRONGLY
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PROTEST THIS GRAVE AND SERIOUS VIOLATION OF OUR AIRSPACE BY TWO AMERICAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AND WE CONSIDER THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A DIRECT VIOLATION, THE RESULT OF WHICH WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. END QUOTE.

MR. FAHMY THEN REQUESTED ME TO TRANSMIT THE ABOVE TO MY
GOVERNMENT AND OBTAIN IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PROTEST WILL
PROBABLY BE MADE PUBLIC IN MORNING CAIRO PRESS.

3. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DELAY DUE TO OTHER HIGH PRECEDENCE
TRAFFIC, REQUEST REPLY BY FLASH.
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